



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6396

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) On or after October 1,
2 2007, no person shall use a cleaning product inside a building owned
3 by the state unless such cleaning product has been certified by Green
4 Seal as meeting the Green Seal standard for such product or meets an
5 equivalent standard as determined by the Department of
6 Administrative Services that such cleaning product: (1) Is nontoxic, (2)
7 has properties that minimize the potential harmful impact on human
8 health and the environment, and (3) conforms to guidelines set forth
9 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in its Final
10 Guidance on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Green cleaning products cost slightly more than non-green products however, per Executive Order #14 the state is already moving to use of green cleaning products and therefore there is no additional cost associated with the bill.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6396****AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS IN
STATE AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill bans the use of cleaning products to clean state-owned buildings that are not certified Green Seal, or an equivalent standard, cleaning products beginning October 1, 2007. The Department of Administrative Services determines if a product meets an equivalent standard if it (1) is nontoxic, (2) has properties minimizing the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment, and (3) conforms to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines in its Final Guidance on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing. Green Seal is a nonprofit organization that sets environmental standards, certifies products, and educates the public on environmental issues.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

BACKGROUND***EPA Final Guidance on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing***

A September 14, 1998, Executive Order (EO) 13101, entitled "Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition," superseded an earlier EO, but retains a similar requirement for the EPA to develop guidance to "address environmentally preferable purchasing." EPA designed the Final Guidance to help executive agencies meet their obligations under EO 13101 to identify and purchase environmentally preferable products and services. EPA's Final Guidance is based on its September 1995 report, *Proposed Guidance on the Acquisition of Environmentally Preferable*

Products and Services (60 *Federal Register* 50721, September 29, 1995).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/19/2007)